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SUBJ: JAPANESE LETTER TO SYG ON ME

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER GIVEN TO SYG OCT 17 BY JAPANESE
PERMREP SAITO. ON PASSING COPY TO US, JAPANESE SAID THEY DID
NOT EXPECT LETTER WOULD BE CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT.

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT,
TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS STUDIED YOUR STATEMENT, DATED
11 OCTOBER, 1973, ADDRESSED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE PRESENT ARMED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WITH GREAT
INTEREST AND WITH THE CARE WHICH IT MERITS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN SHARE YOUR GRAVE
CONCERN OVER THIS TRAGIC REVIVAL OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, WHICH HAS BEEN TORMENTED BY RECURRENT HOSTILITIES FOR SUCH
A LONG TIME. WE AGREE THAT THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE A SERIOUS
DANGER OF THE ESCALATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CONFLICT, INVOLVING
MORE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, AND EVEN THE BIG POWERS, THEREBY
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THREATENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN A MUCH WIDER

CONTEXT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE CONCERN
EXPRESSED BY MY GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE CONFLICT, WHEN
IT STATED:

"ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS
CAPITALS, AS WELL AS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, A LARGE SCALE
MILITARY CONFLICT IS STILL CONTINUING. IT IS OUR ARDENT HOPE
THAT A CEASE-FIRE WILL BE CONCLUDED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PRESENT HOSTILITIES LIES IN THE FACT
THAT THE MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEM HAS BEEN LEFT UNSETTLED
FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

WE THEREFORE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, TO PREVENT A FURTHER RECURRENCE OF
ARMED CONFLICTS."

IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, AS THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGAN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, SHOULD EXERT ALL ITS
EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY END TO THE PRESENT CONFLICT
BEFORE IT ESCALATES FURTHER, AND ACHIEVE A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE, IN THIS CONNECTION, OUR
CONSISTENT POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT IN YOUR DIFFICULT
AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TASK.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU
AND YOUR STAFF AND I PLEDGE THE COMPLETE CO-OPERATION OF
MY DELEGATION IN HELPING YOU ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

SHIZUO SAITO
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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